

By: Representatives Aldridge, Turner,
Holland, Franks

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 26

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LIFE OF MRS. JULIA OTIS AND
2 EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER
3 PASSING.

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Julia Griffin Otis, First Lady of Tupelo,
5 departed this earthly life on Friday, January 28, 2005, to enter
6 into eternal rest with her heavenly father, causing great sorrow
7 and loss to her family and friends; and

8 WHEREAS, born July 1, 1939, to Dr. and Mrs. William Roy
9 Griffin of Columbus, Mrs. Otis attended public school in Columbus,
10 graduating from S.D. Lee High School in 1957, whereafter she
11 attended Mississippi State College for Women and graduated with a
12 B.S. Degree in English; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Otis was active in her local church, Calvary
14 Baptist Church, where she taught preschool children for 33 years
15 and had a special interest in promoting preschool Bible study in
16 Sunday School, which led to her selection as a conference leader
17 for preschool children for the Mississippi Baptist Convention to
18 lead conferences across the state; and

19 WHEREAS, possessing an ardent interest in both foreign and
20 domestic missions' activities, Mrs. Otis' strong belief in
21 missions led her to serve as a mission team member to Ecuador,
22 Panama, Costa Rica and Zimbabwe in Africa; and

23 WHEREAS, married to Larry Otis for 48 years, Mrs. Otis,
24 although qualified as an English teacher, chose to be a homemaker
25 and mother to her children: Keith, Cavett, Chris and Kate; and

26 WHEREAS, the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow honor by the
27 Tupelo Rotary Club in 2004, Mrs. Otis will be remembered by her

28 enthusiasm and zeal for gardening, as well as her outgoing spirit
29 of giving of herself and her time; and

30 WHEREAS, the legacy of Mrs. Otis' memory will continue to be
31 cherished in the hearts and memories of her husband, four
32 children, and five grandchildren: Leslie, Laura, Will, Cooper and
33 Emma Grace; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

34 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives of
35 the State of Mississippi to commend the lives of such unselfish
36 and giving individuals as Mrs. Otis, whose life was just like the
37 rose she greatly admired, spreading a sweet fragrance of love and
38 displaying the radiant beauty of life:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
40 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
41 commend the life of Mrs. Julia Otis and express our deepest
42 sympathy to her family and friends upon her passing.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
44 furnished to Mayor Larry Otis to be cherished on behalf of the
45 family and to the members of the Capitol Press Corps.